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OPENING AND CLOSING OF MAILS

IRONTON POST OFFICE.
Morning Mail—Night Trains. Opened at 7:00 a. m.
Day Trains. Closed at 7:30 p. m.
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Patrons of the office will please take notice and govern themselves accordingly.
A. F. VANCE, Postmaster.

Announcements.

We are authorized to announce J. M. HAWKINS as a candidate for Commissioner of Public Schools of Iron county, Mo., subject to the decision of the voters at the coming election to be held April 6th.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Stop the trains at Ironton.
Probate Court convenes next Monday.

Novelties at the racket. Give us a call.

The skaters had fine sport several days last week.

No news in regard to the rifle range during the past week.

The new bus factory will be ready to run by March 1st.

Another entry in the race for School Commissioner this week.

For Rent—Three nice large up stairs room at H. Adolph's jewelry store.

Dwelling houses are in demand these days, and there is hardly a vacant one in town.

The Daughters of Rebekah have purchased a fine new organ for use in the I. O. O. F. hall.

Four degrees below zero was the lowest record of the thermometer during last week's cold spell.

It is said that almost one hundred teams hauling logs to the hub factories were in town last Saturday.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Della Powell, in Arcadia, Saturday afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

Rev. Dr. H. T. Morton will preach at the M. E. church, Ironton, Sunday, February 7th, at eleven o'clock in the morning.

Grand Chief Patriarch Black was here week before last visiting Ironton Encampment and exemplifying the secret work.

The hauler of hubs and the owner of timber lands are not universally dwelling together in peace and unity these days.

W. Curry, for several months past stationed at Arcadia as night operator, is now working in the same capacity at Irondale.

Lost—Black and Tan Bitch, very small, answers to the name of "Daisy." Return to C. P. Talbot, Ironton and receive reward.

A "tackey dance" was given at the Killalee house in Pilot Knob last Friday night and attracted a fair-sized crowd of merry-makers.

The accommodation train still runs from Bismarck. Some people who think it will come to the Valley in the early spring time.

In future the K. P. Lodge will meet on the second and fourth Friday of each month. Next meeting, February 12th.

The ice put away last week averaged about six inches thick. A good supply was secured and there will be plenty to meet all next summer's demand.

The improvements on the building north of the REGISTER office are progressing slowly but will probably go ahead with a spurt before many more days of delay.

The delegates to the I. O. O. F. business meeting were a pleasant and clever lot of people, and all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly during their stay here.

The applicants for roadoverseer in the various districts throughout the county are circulating their petitions preparatory to filing same before the March term of the county court.

Another brick on the corner south of the Blue Store would add materially to the appearance of Main Street. Anything, however, is preferable to its present bleak and barren condition.

A. J. Langdon shipped 4 loads of cattle and R. M. Finney 2 of mixed stock this week. Mr. Langdon and Mike Spitzmiller went to St. Louis with the stock.—*Dunklin Democrat.*

Miss Birdie Crow, the evangelist, returned home last Saturday after an extended absence. She has been holding a number of very successful revivals in Southeast Missouri.—*St. Francis Herald.*

The D. R. lodge gave an oyster supper and dance at the Academy of Music after the lectures Tuesday evening. A good crowd was in attendance and the occasion proved a very enjoyable one.

Tuesday dawned bright and clear, and the ground had that was stirring before ten o'clock saw his shadow distinct and plain. So, according to the old belief, there are six weeks of winter weather ahead of us.

It is understood that the county court will very likely accept the bid of Mr. Louis Miller for the vacant lot across the street, and Mr. Miller will at once begin preparations for the erection of a fine brick store house thereon.

Among the delegates to the I. O. O. F. meeting was E. M. Rowe of Charleston, Mo. Mr. Rowe is associated with S. G. Tetwiler, formerly of this city, in the publication of the Charleston News. Mr. Rowe says the News is prospering.

Evangelist Culpepper, who several years ago conducted a series of meetings in the Fort Hill church, is now holding a very successful revival in the Lafayette Park M. E. church, St. Louis. The reverend gentleman is attracting considerable attention.

When in Graniteville or vicinity and feel like taking "a little for the stomach's sake" do not forget to call on genial Wm. Steffens. He is a model host, always ready to accord you a hearty welcome, and dispenses none but "the very best." Give him a call.

Subjects for the services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning: "The power of Christ given to benefit men." Text, Eph. 4:8. Evening: "Dr. Abbott's Jonah reviewed." Text, Jonah 1:1-3. Services at Graniteville 8 p. m. All who do not attend services elsewhere are invited to the services.

Geo. H. DUTY, Pastor.

Several men and their families arrived here from Cadott, Wisconsin, last week. The men are employees of the Clark Manufacturing Company and will be employed in the hub factory. Last week's arrivals were Dan Hockenbrock and family; Thad Salts and family; Peter Dickett and G. W. Kanon. Other arrivals are expected during the coming week.

A. B. Sloan, principal of the Kennett school, received a telegram Wednesday morning announcing the death of his mother, Mrs. Althea B. Travis, at Cape Girardeau, the night before. He went up that day and wife followed yesterday. Mrs. Travis had been suffering with a cancerous affection of the mouth and throat and this produced death.—*Dunklin Democrat.*

The Valley T. P. A. Cinch Club was entertained by the Misses Fletcher at their delightful home in Arcadia last Saturday evening. The occasion proved one of the most delightful in the history of the club and was highly enjoyed by all in attendance. The honors of the evening were won by Miss Maud Fletcher and Wm. Haller while Miss Ella Haller and J. Lopez were successful in attaining the distinction of securing the greatest number of defeats of the evening.

In this issue of the REGISTER will be found the announcement of Prof. J. L. Hickman as a candidate for re-election to the office of School Commissioner of Iron county. Prof. Hickman has filled the office for the past two years and has at all times used his best endeavor to faithfully and efficiently discharge his duties. Should be again chosen there is no question but that he will continue to prove the same faithful and earnest laborer for the cause of education that he has in the past.

Married—Miss OLGA SCHMITZ to GEORGE R. GAY, January 27, 1897. Miss Olga Schmitz is a young lady of Ironton with a wide circle of friends and carries with her into this new life the best wishes of the community. Mr. Gay is one of Ironton's rising young business men and has already entered on the road to success. With him also goes the best wishes of the community in which he was raised. The bride was dressed in a handsome brown suit, trimmed with gold braid. The groom wore the conventional suit for grooms.

Prof. G. W. Buford began teaching Arcadia Public School as principal, September 2, 1895, and after closing a successful term of eight months, he went south and commenced the Glover school the following Monday, where he was only hired for one month on trial. Giving satisfaction he was hired for another month, and so on, until five months were taught. It was the desire of most of the people for Mr. Buford to remain one month longer, but he found another school at Pine Grove which closed last Friday. This was his third term of school at that place. He says he is proud to say that his last term was conducted with the best order and discipline, without having to inflict corporal punishment on a single one. Mr. Buford has now taught seventeen months in succession with only a few holidays rest, and seven terms have been taught by him in the last four years.

A new time card went into effect on the Iron Mountain road last Sunday. The day passenger trains, Nos. 51 and 52, now meet at Ironton station at 1:40 p. m. The most important change on the new card is in the time of the north-bound fast mail, which now passes here at 4:16 in the evening instead of 6:55 as heretofore. The train does not stop here nor at Arcadia, thus compelling all people from this section who want to travel north in the afternoon to take No. 52 at 1:40 p. m. The fast train certainly ought to stop at the Ironton station—by far the most important point and where more business is transacted than at any station between De Soto and Poplar Bluff—and it is impossible to understand the action of the company in not stopping it here. The train under the present schedule makes the run from here to St. Louis in just one minute less than three hours—fifteen minutes less than heretofore. The time of the night passenger trains and the south-bound fast mail is not changed.

One of the most enthusiastic believers in Odd Fellowship in Southeast Missouri is Mrs. J. S. Benson, of Annapolis, and she never fails to attend all the business meetings and celebrations of the Southeast association. Mrs. Benson attended the meeting here this week, and during the sessions was casting the vote of the Annapolis Rebekah Lodge. One of the visiting delegates tells us of an amusing incident in connection therewith. The election of officers of the association for the ensuing year was in progress. The President had been chosen and the ballot was being taken for Vice-President.

Mr. E. H. Day of Fredericktown was the leading candidate. Annapolis lodge was called. Mrs. Benson before voting said "who is this man Day?" Let me see him." Now it happens that Mr. D. is a man of splendid physique and handsome appearance. He was no sooner pointed out than Mrs. B. promptly responded "three votes for Day." Our informant says that it was a splendid exemplification of the charge that should the right of suffrage be extended to the female sex the choice would ever be in favor of the best looking man who offered for office.

Under the new schedule of trains the north-bound mails from this place now close at 1:30 and 4 o'clock P. M. The first for train No. 52 and the second for the fast mail. On account of the proximity of the two trains this virtually gives us but one mail north a day, the short time of two hours and a half intervening between the two mails. And a letter for the north, mailed after four o'clock in the evening will not leave this place until the next day at 1:30, or a delay of nearly one whole day. It just means that unless mail is deposited in time for the fast mail, it will take a letter for St. Louis almost two days before it is delivered. That is, mail deposited here, say Thursday evening, would reach St. Louis Friday evening and be delivered Saturday morning. This could easily be remedied by giving us mail connections with No. 56, that goes north 4:30 in the morning. Then a letter mailed before closing time in the post-office in the evening would be delivered in St. Louis next morning. Of course, until the late change in time in the fast mail there was no occasion to connect with the early morning train, for the fast mail carried all mail received by late at 6:30 P. M. and it reached St. Louis in time for the first delivery in the morning. Under the present schedule the fast mail train does not offer this service, and we should have connections with No. 56 as above suggested. The matter should be promptly brought to the attention of the postal authorities and we have no doubt that the trouble would be readily remedied.

The annual business meeting of the I. O. O. F. Association of Southeast Missouri was held in the city Tuesday and Wednesday. The session was called to order Tuesday afternoon by the President of the association, W. T. Marshall of Charleston. Representatives were present from the lodges at Jackson, Charleston, Sikeston, De Soto, Bismarck, Fredericktown, Doe Run, Farmington, Ironton, Annapolis, Poplar Bluff, Leadville, Lutesville, Morley and Dikestadt. The number of delegates present being about seventy. At the evening session the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: F. B. Beard, President, Bismarck; E. H. Day, Vice-President, Fredericktown; John Russell, Secretary, Charleston; Dr. Biggs, Treasurer, Lutesville. It was decided to hold the next business meeting at Jackson on the first Tuesday in February, 1898. Grand Master Sloan and Grand Lecturer Rixey delivered addresses at the Academy of Music in the evening. Both made interesting talks, but the remarks of Mr. Rixey were especially well received and received frequent and hearty applause. At the night session the committee on resolutions submitted its report on which we take the following of local interest: "Resolved, by the delegates of the Southeast Missouri I. O. O. F. Association in regular session assembled, that, inasmuch as the brothers and sisters and citizens of Ironton have endeavored and have succeeded in making our stay in their charming little city a pleasant one, we extend to them our sincere thanks and that we assure them of our lasting friendship and warm brotherly love." The final session was held Wednesday morning when it was agreed to hold the Annual Celebration of the Association at Poplar Bluff on Tuesday, April 27th—the natal day of the order, the 26th, coming on Monday, it was thought best to delay the celebration one day in order to avoid the necessity of preparing therefor on Sunday. The meeting generally was declared one of the most successful and pleasant in the history of the organization. The visiting delegates departed for their homes on the noon trains same day.

Arcadia News.

Mr. Dodge has been quite sick. Price Ringo spent Sunday at home. Mrs. J. J. Norwine of Bismarck came down to visit her daughter, who is attending school at the Ursuline Academy.

Miss Annie Austin visited Miss Nellie Gherman of Middlebrook last week. J. W. Gosney, Bert DeMier, and also the Misses Bradys, attended the "tackey dance" at Pilot Knob Friday night.

Geo. Kells seems to have quite an attraction at Middlebrook just now. Mrs. D. Y. Jones, who has been spending the winter in St. Louis, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Alma Johnson.

Tucker Jones was in the Valley several days last week, but left for Poplar Bluff Wednesday night to resume work.

J. C. Medley and wife are here on a visit to relatives.

Oh! I wonder who found those letters that were lost between Arcadia and Ironton Sunday night?

Miss Marie Cheatham, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Sam Andrews, returned home last week.

"Isaac" Talks.

I notice in the Republic of January 30th an article on "Railroad Management" by the President of the T. P. A.

I fully agree with him. Railroads have been given valuable franchises, not only free of charge but the construction has been aided and promoted by State, county and municipal aid, and the people have a right to expect that their service shall be ample and good, and their charges reasonable.

And they claim that they cannot stand a cut on freight and passenger rates. It does seem to me, if it were poor men, can put lumber on cars for half price they certainly could afford to haul it for one-half. They only pay one-half for our lumber and they use and only one-third for steel rails. They get their labor for one-third less and at the same time charge as much

for hauling corn as when it was worth 50 cents and wheat the same. And on account of their high rate they keep the common lumber, such as is used for barns, etc., out of the market entirely. I pay the same rate on lumber to St. Louis now as I did when it was worth \$30 per thousand. Lumber that I sold then for \$30 is now selling at \$12 per thousand feet. And there would be hundreds of cars of wood, hub timber, etc., shipped from this section if we only had a living rate and the railroads would get double the business they are now doing, and working double the force if they were only made to put down their freight rates.

I hope, therefore, our Representative, Dr. Geo. Farrar, Jr., will keep his promise to the people that sent him to Jefferson and fight the railroad lobbyists to the bitter end and have the railroads to give us a living rate in freight and passenger rates. I also hope they will abolish the railroad commission, for it is certainly a dead duck, and a dead expense to the State. They draw their salary and that is all that is done. The railroads claim that they will have to cut their men's wages. No, sir, cut those fine haired officials that are getting from ten to twenty-five thousand a year to ride up and down in their fine palace cars.

Well, 1st of February is here and confidence has not done a darn thing for us. Times are getting worse all the time. The gold don't seem to come around. A goldbug Republican showed me a \$20 gold piece the other day. But he put it back in his pocket and there it will stay until Gabriel blows his trumpet. That is one thing that is keeping times hard. When a man gets a gold dollar it is "farewell, vain world," for you never will see it again. To show you how scarce money is, a man was in Green-ville last week printing a directory of the business houses and could not get money enough out of his business to pay his hotel bill. Had to take coffee from some of the merchants to pay his hotel bill. We will never have any better times until we can get more money. McKinley may call Congress, but it will do no good. It is something strange to me that a laboring man will go on a strike, burn bridges, cars, kill people, and still they are afraid to vote their sentiments. If times don't brighten up soon God knows what will become of the poor people. We are gone to the devil with Cleveland and the goldbug Democrats in front!

ISAAC.

The little daughter of Mr. Fred Webb, of Holland, Mass., had a very bad cold and cough which he had not been able to cure with anything. I gave him a 25 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, says W. P. Holden, merchant and postmaster at West Brimfield, and the next time I saw him he said it worked like a charm. This remedy is intended especially for acute throat and lung diseases such as colds, croup and whooping cough, and it is famous for its cure. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains nothing injurious. For sale by all dealers.

Teacher's Convention.

Programme for the Iron county Teacher's Convention to be held at Ironton, Feb. 13, 1897.

MORNING SESSION.

MUSIC.
Invocation—Rev. L. F. Aspley.
1. Paper—How to teach History.
R. M. Hunter.
Discussion by Messrs. McKenzie and G. C. Whitworth.
2. Class work on Language, Miss F. Markham.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

MUSIC.
1. Needed Legislation, F. M. Vance.
Discussion by Prof. Daniels.
2. How to teach Penmanship, J. M. Hawkins.
Discussion, Bertha Fairchild.
3. Open discussion on Current History led by W. D. Bay.

Marble Creek News.

Ed. Register—As the weather has moderated some, your correspondent, "Aunt Jerome Wilkins" feels free to express some opinions. Hence a few items from Marble Creek.

We have just experienced some of the coldest weather of the season. The mercury registered two degrees below zero last week, and a slight snow storm prevailed during the one evening. But all vot that they are thankful they are living in Missouri instead of Minnesota.

Mr. K. Sutton and wife of the Cove neighborhood spent Tuesday on Marble Creek.

Wonder why Frank Lashley of Bellevue won't open a bakery shop in that town. He produced some marvelous rising affects in the pastry line while visiting his best girls here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuhn contemplated celebrating their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary by giving their friends a supper and entertainment, but as their son-in-law was very sick, also a number of their neighbors, they postponed the joyous occasion. Their many friends wish them health, happiness and prosperity, and may they spend as many more years of their blissful life together.

Marion Sutton visited relatives in Bellevue last week.

Mr. Austin and family, of Arcadia, will move on their farm again next month. Their old neighbors all gladly welcome them to Marble Creek again.

Will Gosney and Bert DeMier of Arcadia spent Sunday, guests of H. M. Brady. Gilbert Hills of Ironton calls quite often too.

The Logtown school closed last Saturday.

Ovis Lashley of Bellevue visited friends here last Monday.

J. W. Lashley of Bellevue visited friends on Marble Creek quite recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Good are both on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Heywood of Ironton called on Mr. and Mrs. Guffy Sunday afternoon.

John Propet, Will Sellinger and George Kuhn have been the victims of a grippie.

H. M. Brady, N. P. Guffy and Albert Jones have been harvesting ice the past few days for their family use during the warmer season.

There has been a number of people

on the sick list during the past week. N. P. Guffy has been critically ill the past two weeks, but at this writing is convalescing.

Mr. Sellinger has been suffering with an abscess on his lungs, and for a while recovery was doubtful, but he has improved very much, and his many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Personal.

Miss May Tong, of St. Louis, is visiting relatives in the Valley. Walter Clarkson visited his wife here Tuesday last.

A. Roehry, W. Trauernicht and W. T. Gay were in Farmington last week. Dr. F. W. Lowry spent a couple of days of last week in St. Louis.

W. J. Russell has returned from Harvill, Mo.

J. Lopez is in Farmington this week. Capt. Byers went to St. Louis Wednesday.

Louis Miller left for Greenville Monday night.

Graniteville Items.

Ed. Register—Six weeks more of winter, so says the ground hog to-day.

Miss Minnie Trauernicht will arrive home to-day, after a two week's visit with relatives in the city.

Mrs. Michaela Coak is lying pretty low with typhoid-pneumonia fever at present. Her chances for recovery are very meager, though hopes are still entertained by her friends for a change to the better.

Our doctors say there is yet lots of sickness in this vicinity in addition to the whooping cough, that seems to have a hold on our children yet, to a large degree.

Dr. J. J. Norwine of Bismarck, accompanied by H. W. Coffield, was in town day before yesterday. The Doctor examined nine applicants, who are rapping at the doors of the A. O. U. W. organization for admission thereto. The order will institute a new lodge in this place about the 10th inst., with a membership of twenty-five to start with.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Cuthbert of Topeka, Kansas, are still visiting in town.

Mrs. Masson has returned home from a visit to her brother at Joliet, Illinois.

Miss Arnold has returned to her home Terre Haute, from a short visit with her aunt here. Mrs. Alex Smith.

R. E. Cloud, a new barber, will locate in town. Mr. Cloud formerly worked here; but late of Farmington and St. Louis and comes back recommended as a first-class artist in the tonsorial line. Notwithstanding the present dull times, he asks only his share of the patronage.

Mr. Wm. Trauernicht, "der boss tailor" of Middlebrook and Southeast Missouri, as for that, was in town yesterday—a caller at the cabin.

Mrs. Robert Trauernicht is somewhat indisposed these days.

Our down town blacksmiths, Messrs. Bateman and Shular, are doing a good business in their line this winter.

Several of our I. O. O. F. brothers will attend the Odd Fellows' business meeting to be held at Ironton to-day.

Messrs. Whitman and Coak are storing away ice these days for the purpose of supplying the trade next summer.

Wm. Steffens, Jr., has come home to spend a few weeks in parental circles.

The state of trade still continues dull in this neck-o'-the-woods. Feb. 2, 1897.

CAP.

Threw Away His Cane.

Mr. D. Wiley, ex-postmaster, Black Creek, N. Y., was so badly afflicted with rheumatism that he was only able to hobble around with canes, and even then it caused him great pain. After using Chamberlain's Pain Balm he was so much improved that he threw away his canes. He says this liniment did him more good than all other medicines and treatment put together. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by all dealers.

Caledonia News.

Heath Bryan of Belgrade was on our streets Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Foreman are on the sick list this week.

Miss Birdie Howard left Monday for a week's visit with relatives in Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

Mr. J. M. Crenshaw of Charleston has been called to the bedside of his father, who is quite ill at this writing.

Mr. Jim Hunt and Miss Anna Logan spent Sunday with friends at Hazel Glen.

Mr. Vergil Langley of Fulton is spending a few weeks with his sister, Mrs. Foreman.

Owing to the regular session of Quarterly Conference, which meets at Irondale Saturday and Sunday, Rev. Davenport will not fill the pulpit at this place as usual.

John C. Medley and wife of Arcadia spent several days last week with relatives here.

Mrs. Jasper Anderson paid Belgrade a flying visit Monday.

Mrs. Mary Condit, of Tuckerman, Ark., departed this life Friday morning Jan. 29, 1897. Mrs. Condit was a sister of Mr. Will Thomas of Ironton, and has many friends in Iron and Washington counties.

From Clones.

Ed. Register—With the mercury down to eight degrees below zero, one does not sweat very copiously now; the fact is, all out-door employment has been practically suspended out here for the past ten days.

Having been unable to get around for three weeks, I, of course, shall not be able to give much news in this letter. I hope, however, to be in position ere long to do much better.

It is said that J. S. Eaton will soon remove to the house recently occupied by Mr. Denison at Edge Hill. Mr. E. will soon erect a nice dwelling house not far from his store, and wishes to be near by in order that he may more conveniently superintend the construction of said dwelling house.

W. B. Brooks is hauling lumber preparatory to building himself a nice dwelling house. Mr. B. is one of our most industrious farmers.

H. Latham contemplates repairing

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Through the kindness of J. L. Hickman, B. S. Annapolis, I have recently received a valuable document, the Forty-Sixth Annual Report of the Public Schools of Missouri for the school year beginning July 1, 1894, and ending June 30, 1895. The book contains much valuable information that every teacher should know. The reports of the Normal schools of this State cause one to think seriously as to whether they are in fact a necessity. With colossal creations of appropriations from the State, they continue to exist from year to year; while the poor taxpayers go down into their pockets, and "fish" out the cash necessary for the support of said Normals, which benefit only a few.

And now I notice that some good (?) Representative has recently introduced a bill requiring a poll-tax of three dollars on all male citizens of this State, over twenty-one years old. Should said bill become a law, the average poll-tax will be five dollars on each male citizen, as the barest road poll tax is in the neighborhood of two dollars. This appears pretty hard for the poor, particularly many of whom do not actually handle five dollars a year. If the funds of the State are not sufficient to keep things going in fine style, better to reduce the salary of some of the State officials, or what would be infinitely better to disperse with quite a number that are absolutely a minus entity. It seems to be a fact that the burden of the tax-payer becomes greater every year; but as he is a good kind of a biped, he simply pays the bill, without murmur.

Now that an act providing for compulsory education has come up before the Legislature of Missouri, let our Senators and Representatives look at both sides of the question before casting their votes. The writer grew up in a State that required compulsory attendance at school, and he knows something of the merits and demerits of such a system. A teacher does not discover the fact that there is a vast difference between attendance and advancement.

Milton Goggin, Esq., has a petition asking the Honorable County Court to appoint him roadoverseer for this district. Should Mr. G. get the appointment, and make as good an overseer as did his brother John B., the people will have no cause for complaint.

An agent has been through this section recently selling clocks, the average price being thirty-six dollars. Quite a number of persons not far from this point purchased clocks. They should be rather first-class clocks. Prof. Cureton's school closed here to-day.

Recently Wille and Chas. Shy visited relatives at Salem, Mo.

Mrs. G. B. Sumpter, who has been quite sick, is reported to be somewhat better.

Giles McMahon recently made a trip to Lesterville.

Our people are growing more and more in the habit of looking to all dealers for the latest and best of everything in the drug line. They sell Chamberlain's